

## Letter from Mabel Hubbard Bell to Alexander Graham Bell, June 19, 1876, with transcript

Letter from Miss Mabel G. Hubbard to Dr. Alexander Graham Bell. addressed to East Gallery, Main Bldg. Phila. Cambridge, Sunday. (June 19, 1876). My darling Alec:

How shall I tell you enough how happy and glad I am that you are in Philadelphia with all the distinguished scientists who will understand and appreciate you and your discoveries. I have been so unhappy and worried about the thing for so long, I can hardly breathe freely yet, but the more I think about it the more relieved I am.

It was very hard to send you off so unwillingly but I was sure it was for the best and you would be glad of it by and bye. Mamma had a long letter from Papa telling her his reasons for wanting you. I am so very glad you have gone for I know you will succeed, and it will be so nice to have your name brought home to England again to all your friends there.

If the English take you up as they should, I'll think about becoming a "subject of Queen Victoria".

There, are you not spurred on to use your utmost efforts. Oh I am so glad so glad I don't know what to say.

Don't get discouraged now, if you but persevere success must come. Anyway, it will be a great help to you to be connected with scientific men. I've been thinking about you every spare moment, followed you in your long journey to N. Y. to 16 East 14th St., and then in the cars again for Philadelphia and then, but you cannot have got any farther yet. How I miss you, there was no one to help me shut the house last night, at least no one stronger than I. No one to be called in the morning, the open door and made up bed had such a dreary empty look. But I am satisfied more than satisfied when I remember where you

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are. And when you come home, the duty will have been done and the opportunity taken hold of, and I know you, too, will not have the feeling of something lost, a sort of guiltiness which has borne down upon us. I know this is not a very nice or coherent letter but I have but one idea in my head, delight at your being at last with those men.

I took your note to Miss Locke this morning as you wanted her to do so much I thought she needed all the time she could get. She was out but the maid said she would be back tomorrow morning.

I must send my letter now. With a heartfelt of love to you dear,

Lovingly, Mabel.